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**Idaho Milk Production Up 0.9 Percent**

Idaho milk production during October 2012 totaled 1.13 billion pounds, a 0.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and a 1.1 percent increase from September 2012. September 2012 milk production was revised to 1.12 billion pounds, down 2.1 percent. Average milk production per cow in October 2012 was 1,960 pounds, up 30 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during October was 577,000 head, down 4,000 head from October 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down slightly from October 2011. September revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,791 pounds for October, 1 pound above October 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 10,000 head less than October 2011, and 8,000 head less than September 2012.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2011-2012**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	192	180	1,865	1,900	358	342	-4.5
California	1,776	1,778	1,930	1,860	3,428	3,307	-3.5
Colorado	131	135	1,955	2,005	256	271	5.9
Florida	120	123	1,350	1,310	162	161	-0.6
Idaho	581	577	1,930	1,960	1,121	1,131	0.9
Illinois	98	100	1,600	1,580	157	158	0.6
Indiana	173	173	1,720	1,750	298	303	1.7
Iowa	199	203	1,805	1,795	359	364	1.4
Kansas	123	126	1,765	1,810	217	228	5.1
Michigan	369	374	1,925	1,950	710	729	2.7
Minnesota	466	465	1,555	1,605	725	746	2.9
Missouri	95	93	1,180	1,180	112	110	-1.8
New Mexico	332	324	2,100	2,025	697	656	-5.9
New York	610	610	1,725	1,770	1,052	1,080	2.7
Ohio	268	270	1,600	1,630	429	440	2.6
Oregon	122	123	1,705	1,690	208	208	--
Pennsylvania	538	533	1,620	1,630	872	869	-0.3
Texas	435	430	1,870	1,795	813	772	-5.0
Utah	87	88	1,800	1,810	157	159	1.3
Vermont	134	133	1,560	1,595	209	212	1.4
Virginia	96	95	1,450	1,455	139	138	-0.7
Washington	266	261	1,965	1,960	523	512	-2.1
Wisconsin	1,264	1,271	1,715	1,785	2,168	2,269	4.7
23 State Total	8,475	8,465	1,790	1,791	15,170	15,165	--

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Idaho October Red Meat Production Up 21 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2012 totaled 4.2 million pounds, up 21 percent from October of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2012 period totaled 35.6 million pounds, down 59 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.58 billion pounds in October, up 7 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2011. Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 3 percent from October 2011. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, up slightly from October 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.86 million head, up 10 percent from October 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 21 percent from October 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,100 head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago. January to October 2012 commercial red meat production was 41.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 6 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	October 2012 As Percent of 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	139.0	133.3	156.0	112
Colorado	178.2	167.7	196.7	110
Idaho	3.5	3.5	4.2	121
Illinois	258.8	245.4	285.3	110
Iowa	587.7	555.4	627.6	107
Kansas	438.6	404.6	476.0	109
Minnesota	249.1	230.9	266.5	107
Montana	1.8	1.1	1.9	105
Nebraska	642.2	587.8	677.6	106
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	85
Oklahoma	96.3	88.8	105.0	109
Oregon	6.2	6.0	6.9	111
South Dakota	98.7	91.1	107.4	109
Texas	416.2	381.5	423.9	102
Utah	43.8	38.6	47.5	108
Washington	78.4	69.5	84.5	108
Wyoming	0.2	0.4	0.3	115
United States	4,270.6	3,948.4	4,578.6	107

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1/</sup>

Type	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Oct 2012 As Percent of	
				October 2011	September 2012
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,215.1	2,016.0	2,343.7	106	116
Veal	10.6	8.8	10.3	98	117
Pork	2,033.2	1,911.0	2,210.4	109	116
Lamb and Mutton	11.7	12.5	14.2	121	113
Total red meat <sup>2/</sup>	4,270.6	3,948.4	4,578.6	107	116

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 7 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2012 totaled 240,000 head, up 7 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 4 percent from October 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 55,000 head, the same as October 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during October totaled 44,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during October.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2012. The inventory was 5 percent below November 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.18 million, 13 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.10 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 435,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.84 million, 3 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during October, 20 percent below 2011.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	November 1, 2011	October 1, 2012	November 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of October
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	292	272	265	91	97
California	490	475	480	98	101
Colorado	1,140	1,000	1,030	90	103
Idaho	225	230	240	107	104
Iowa	570	590	590	104	100
Kansas	2,400	2,230	2,220	93	100
Nebraska	2,470	2,330	2,480	100	106
Oklahoma	390	335	345	88	103
South Dakota	240	195	220	92	113
Texas	3,000	2,680	2,670	89	100
Washington	226	213	248	110	116
Other States	446	439	466	104	106
United States	11,889	10,989	11,254	95	102

## Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on October 31, 2012, totaled 933 million pounds, an increase of 6 percent from September 30, 2012, and up 3 percent from October 31, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 234 million pounds, increased 1 percent from September 30, 2012 stocks, and up 12 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2012, totaled 145 million pounds, down 26 percent from the previous month but up 11 percent from October 2011. Stocks of American cheese totaled 582 million pounds, down 4 percent from September 30, 2012 and down 6 percent October 31, 2011.

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2011	Sept. 30, 2012	Oct. 31, 2012	% of 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	908,872	881,903	932,913	103
Other Frozen	209,263	230,970	234,348	112
Total	1,118,135	1,112,873	1,167,261	104
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	130,684	195,819	144,981	111
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	619,376	608,417	581,701	94

## July and October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 29,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2012. Hired workers worked an average of 48.5 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$9.87 per hour. During the week of October 7-13, 2012, there were 30,000 hired workers on farms and ranches. Hired workers worked an average of 53.6 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.17 per hour.

There were 906,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2012, up nearly 9 percent from a year ago. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 872,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2012, up more than 5 percent from the October 2011 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.36 per hour during the July 2012 reference week, up nearly 4 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.71 per hour, up more than 4 percent, while livestock workers earned \$10.89 per hour compared with \$10.29 a year ago. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.75 per hour, was up 47 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.4 for hired workers during the reference week, down a little over 2 percent from July 2011.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.76 per hour during the October 2012 reference week, up over 5 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$11.22 per hour, up over 6 percent from a year earlier. Livestock workers earned \$10.83, up 16 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.13 per hour, was up 56 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 41.5 for hired workers during the October reference week.

